

Public Comments Submitted by M. Lynn Lemon on Emission Testing

I oppose omission testing for the following reasons:

1. Cache County would see less than a 5% reduction in NOx and less than a 6% reduction in VOC. During Red Air Days that is between 2.4-3.6 tons of NOx and 2.2-3.3 tons of VOC.
2. It is UNFAIR to require Cache County to implement emission testing and not require Franklin County (which shares the same air shed) or Box Elder County to do the same.
3. If emission testing was required, Diesel Vehicles would not be required to be tested. It is UNFAIR to not require the dirtiest vehicles to be tested.
4. The Air Quality problems will correct itself within a five year period of time. During the workgroup meeting we were told if we didn't do anything Cache County would be in compliance by 2019. It does not make economic sense to implement a program with such a short life. Five years ago the average micro grams per cubic meter was around 12. Today that number is around 9. It will continue to decline with cleaner technology.
5. Emission testing hurts those who can least afford it the most. They generally have the oldest vehicles which may not pass the emission test and they would be required to expend far more than the cost of an emission test to bring their vehicle into compliance.
6. It will not prevent Red Air Days. Red Air Days are weather related and with emission testing we will still have Red Air Days. Our focus should be on reducing pollution during yellow and red air days.

The question in my mind is should we require the citizens of Cache County to spend between \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 for a very limited amount of reduction for an average of 10.5 Red Air Days or 15-17 Red Air Days based on others calculations?